

The Story of Avalon Spring

A spiritual intensive in the Reclaiming Witchcraft Tradition 7 - 11 April 2008

Emerging through roots anchored deep in this land came a vision of many branches reaching to the stars and a thick strong trunk held lovingly in the flowing waters of life. After 9 successful witchcamps, the organising team received a new name through this vision, *Avalon Spring*.

Join us in a grand experiment to try something new, to risk, to heal and to dream. For four nights and five days, 7 April to 11 April 2008, come learn, practice and vision. Come together as community and explore practical magic and skills to take into our everyday lives. An important aspect of the practical magic we will weave this spring is the addition of a hearth path, which will be added to the 3 path structure.

Our intention: With reverence and mirth we honour our ancient land of Avalon. We take our sacred lessons from the turning of the tides, the changing of the seasons and the singing of the bees. Rejoicing in our powers of healing, restoration and rejuvenation, we choose to dance in beauty balance and delight. Come, let us celebrate the divine spirit of community. Let us weave the story of the birth of Avalon Spring together!

The intensive is a structured training programme in Reclaiming witchcraft. We work with the local land, spirit/mysterious ones, ancestors, deities, fey and the elements. Together we create sacred space and experience ritual, trance work, visualisation, ecstasy, sacred drama, eco-magic, dancing, chanting, storytelling, community building and lots of fun!

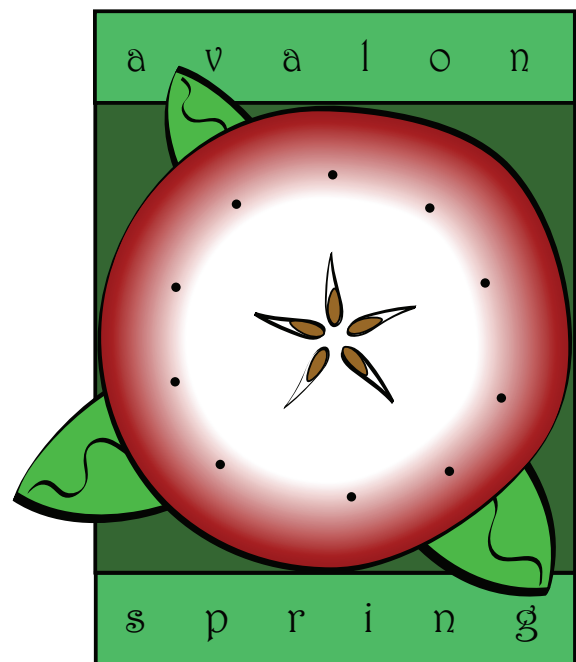
Paths are taught by a team of trained Reclaiming teachers following in a 20 year tradition structured intensives called Witchcamps in the USA, Canada and Europe. The intensive is open to people of all experience levels and we welcome all traditions. We recognise, welcome and fully celebrate diversity in background, sexuality, ethnicity, gender, ability and culture.

A mythological tale, story or theme provides the framework for our 5 day journey into the deep magic structured around evening rituals, while during the day the myth, story or theme is woven into the pathwork. Students, organisers and teachers all participate in Sacred Space to create a strong container in which powerful transformative experiences for growth and healing can happen.

Depending on weather, paths and ritual are held both indoors and outdoors. For those new to the tradition, we usually offer an Elements path, an introduction to how we embody and develop a relationship with the elements and the tools

for Reclaiming style magic. It is also for those who wish to deepen and develop their connection with the Elements. Other paths provide an opportunity to deepen your craft, either in one of the magical disciplines or outwardly moving your magic into the world through the community.

We see our practice as teaching and making magic, empowering each other and ourselves. We train our voices, bodies, energy, intuition, and minds. We use the skills we learn to deepen our spirituality and strength, both as individuals and as community, to bring to birth a new vision of culture.



5 day residential intensive in witchcraft and earth based spirituality in the Reclaiming tradition.

All traditions are welcomed.

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Reclaiming Tradition

Reclaiming is a tradition of witchcraft that began in the mid 1970s by a group of Pagan feminists in Northern California, and has since spread throughout the USA, Canada and Europe. One of the best-known members who cofounded Reclaiming is Starhawk, author of the foundational work in, *The Spiral Dance, and Truth or Dare, Dreaming in the Dark, Twelve Wild Swans, Webs of Power and The Earth Path.*

Reclaiming-style witches form a worldwide network of people, who work to unify spirit and politics. Reclaiming encompasses an eclectic mix of pagan approaches and welcomes a diversity of spiritual beliefs.

At the core of Reclaiming is its vision of a community built around non-hierarchical systems, linking politics, magic and community building through consensus. We acknowledge the immanent value of all things and each individual's connection to mystery, spirit, and the divine. Reclaiming is particularly strong in facilitating and creating public ritual for groups, and healing the connection between people and the Earth. The *Reclaiming Principles of Unity* can be found on our website: www.avaloncamp.org.uk

The venue

As part of exploring a new model for *Avalon Spring*, this year we will gather at a youth hostel nestled on 6000 acres in Epping Forest, just 10 miles north of London. Dormitory accommodation is available along with camping grounds. When not in ritual or path, you can roam the many trails through this wooded retreat. A self serve breakfast is available. As part of the 'practical magic', theme of this year's intensive, we will all participate with the hearth path in the sacred magic and loving action of cleaning and preparing 2 vegetarian/vegan meals daily. Other special dietary needs can be accommodated on request.

Enquiries

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Avalon Spring statement

Concessionary places will not be offered within this model in favour of offering the lowest prices feasible in the sliding scale fee structure. We encourage those who can pay more to do so to help ensure that future intensives in Reclaiming witchcraft skills and ritual will be there for those who seek it in the future. We are committed to do the best we can in being accessible to all, attract good teachers and ritualists and purchase and use as much ethical and organic food sources that we can afford.

Specific Needs:

Please let us know if you have a disability or medical condition which may affect your participation at the intensive, so that we can discuss any reasonable adjustment.

Please inform us of any special dietary requirements or allergies.

Payment

A non-refundable deposit of £50 must be sent at the time of booking along with this booking form. Cheques should be made payable to *Avalon Spring*.

Fees for *Avalon Spring* are on a sliding scale based on the honour system.

Campers - £120 to £150,
Dorm - £250 to £300.

Final payments must be received by **29 February 2008** unless previous arrangements have been made.

Cancellation Policy

In no circumstances is the £50 deposit refundable at any point in time. *In the unfortunate event that the intensive is cancelled, every attempt will be made to return all funds paid in.*

Payment in full is required 60 days before the start of the intensive.

Any person cancelling within 60 days prior to the start of Avalon Spring is liable for payment of the full fee.

We recommend that people make their own arrangements for insurance (travel and holiday). In exceptional circumstances the organisers of *Avalon Spring* will review individual cases after the intensive.

Disclaimer

Please note that it is essential that we take responsibility for ourselves, other persons we are with, and for our personal belongings. *Avalon Spring*, the organisers and British Reclaiming are not liable for any personal injury or loss of personal belongings.

Avalon Spring is an alcohol and drug free event. So please do not bring any!

Check the website for the latest information on paths and teachers.

Booking Form

Please refer to booking information before filling in the form! Please write clearly.

Name E-mail

Address

..... Telephone

How did you hear about *Avalon Spring*?

Tick one

Camping Place, £120 to £150.

Dorm Place, £250 to £300.

Special diets?

vegan food allergies

Please list allergies:

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Notes:

- Please enclose a SAE envelope if you need confirmation of registration and pre-intensive information sent by post.
- Please make cheques payable to *Avalon Spring*.
- Please do not send booking form by registered mail.
- Please remember no refunds if you cancel within 60 days prior to the start of *Avalon Spring*.
- The programme is subject to change without forward notice.

Please complete this form and send with £50 deposit to:
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